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Re: Application of **Yoichi OKAMOTO and Yoshihide KOHNO**
PNEUMATIC RADIAL TIRES
Assignee: **BRIDGESTONE CORPORATION**
Our Ref: **Q55806**

Dear Sir:

This is a request for filing a Continuation Application under 37 C.F.R. § 1.53(d) (continued prosecution application (CPA)) of pending prior Application No. 09/398,006 (Confirmation No. 9551) filed on September 16, 1999 of Yoichi OKAMOTO and Yoshihide KOHNO entitled PNEUMATIC RADIAL TIRES.

This application is being filed under 37 CFR § 1.53(d). The prior application, in which no payment of the issue fee, abandonment, or termination of proceedings has occurred, is hereby expressly abandoned as of the filing date of this new application. It is understood that secrecy under 35 USC § 122 is hereby waived to the extent that if information or access is available to any one of the applications in the file jacket, be it either this application or a prior application in the same file jacket, the Patent and Trademark Office may provide similar information or access to all the other applications in the same file jacket.

The prior application is assigned to Group Art Unit 1733

A Preliminary Amendment is being submitted herewith.

The power of attorney appears in the original papers of the prior application.

Priority is claimed from:

<u>Country</u>	<u>Application No</u>	<u>Filing Date</u>
Japan	10-263224	September 17, 1998
Japan	10-263226	September 17, 1998
Japan	10-352375	December 11, 1998
Japan	10-352376	December 11, 1998
Japan	10-366507	December 24, 1998

The priority documents were filed in parent Application No. 09/398,006.

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The application is timely filed.

Respectfully submitted,

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PATENT APPLICATION

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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

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Sir:

Prior to examination, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please enter the following amended claims:

1. (Three Times Amended) A pneumatic radial tire comprising:
a radial carcass having at least one rubberized cord ply extending between a pair of bead cores embedded in a pair of bead portions and reinforcing a pair of sidewall portions and a tread portion,
a belt reinforcing the tread portion at an outside of the carcass and consisting of three rubberized cord layers each containing steel cords therein, an innermost cord layer and a middle cord layer among these cord layers being a cross cord layer that cords of the layers are crossed with each other with respect to an equatorial plane of the tire, and